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ANCONA CASE NEAR CRISIS

Unacceptable Reply From Vienna Expected at Washington

ACTIVITY OF U-BOATS

General Impression is That Break With Both Austria and Germany is Imminent.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Unconfirmed advices from Vienna, as published by the Petit Journal, say the impression prevails in Austro-Hungarian governmental circles that the forth-coming reply to the second American note regarding the Ancona incident will bring about a diplomatic rupture between the two nations.

Vienna, Dec. 29.—The answer of the Austro -Hungarian Government to the American Government's note concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona is expected this week.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Uofficial advices received here conformed with intimations from abroad that Austria's forthcoming reply to the Ancona note would fail to meet the demands of the United States and Teutonic diplomatic circles here were authoritatively represented as being prepared for a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Various developments, it was agreed might avoid such an eventuality, but none of the counter-proposals which it has been intimated the Vienna Foreign Office might advance have been regarded so far as coming within Secretary Lansing's renewal of the demands for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander who sank the Ancona with the loss of more than a dozen American lives.

Now that the situation, after being dormant nearly two weeks, is again beginning to take on the aspects of a crisis, the status of the negotiations of the United States over submarine warfare against merchantmen, not with Austria alone but with the Teutonic powers as allies, is commanding attention.

Although Germany has given the United States assurances that she will conform to the principle of visit and search before attack, the practices against which the United States so vigorously contended are being carried on now by her ally, Austria, and it has been charged that the Austrian submarines are in some instances furnished by Germany and in others are officered and manned by the German Navy. Such a situation, it is being pointed out, amounts to practically a defeat of the submarine negotiations with Germany.

Furthermore, the impasse, in the Lusitania negotiations becomes a factor in the situation.

It is admitted that the United States scarcely can require Austria to conduct submarine warfare in its relation to the rights of neutrals in a manner different from that permitted by Germany.

President Wilson will take Congress into his confidence and will lay before that body a complete and candid statement of all our various controversies with foreign countries which have arisen out of the war if the Austrian reply to the second Ancona note proves so unsatisfactory that a rupture of diplomatic relations is made inevitable. There is still a hope at the State Department that the reply of the Austrian government will indicate a conciliatory spirit and will make possible a settlement of the sharp differences now existing. But if Austria refuses to comply with the demand of this government for a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona and deliberately provokes a break between the two countries, President Wilson will feel that a situation has been created in whose settlement Congress must share with him the responsibility.

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB BRILL'S, FOOT OF KING STREET.

FRANCE WANTS WAR

General Gallieni Says Mothers Are Not Mourning for Their Lost Sons

Paris, Dec. 29—"Eighteen months ago France wanted peace. Today she wants war most energetically, and to that end will use all her resources" said General Gallieni, the minister of war, in asking the Senate yesterday to approve the action of the Chamber of Deputies in giving him the 1917 class of recruits for January 5, General Gallieni's remarks were greeted with prolonged applause.

"Whoever says a word of peace in the streets is considered a bad citizen," continued the Minister of War. "Mothers are not mourning for lost sons: they want them to be avenged.

"The 1917 class will leave with the assent of the nation. It demands that those charged with the duty receive and instruct these young men and prepare them for the great contest which will not end before France, in accord with her Allies, says:

"'I stop! I have obtained what I wanted. I resume my work of peace.'"

Redoubled applause, interspersed with shouts of "excellent!" came from the entire Senate, which arose as a mark of honor. Returning to the ministerial seat, General Gallieni received the congratulations of his colleagues.

FAVORS COMPULSION

Divisions on British Cabinet Have Been Composed

London, Dec. 29—According to The Times the Cabinet decided yesterday by a majority vote that it is bound by Premier Asquith's pledge and generally approved the principle of compulsion as a consequence of the results of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign.

Thereupon Chancellor McKenna and Mr. Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, tendered their resignations. They did so partly as a protest against compulsion and partly because of the effect which the Cabinet's policy would have on the financial and commercial resources of the empire. The resignations have not been accepted It is possible that other ministers may follow the example of McKenna and Runciman.

The divisions which appeared in the Cabinet Monday were in a large measure composed today. The Cabinet was in session over two hours. There was a full attendance of ministers. It is understood that Lord Derby's report was subjected to thorough analysis.

As a result of the discussion, the cabinet reached something like unanimity and came to a definite unuerstanding on the subject of Mr. Asquith's pledge to married recruits, and this understanding will form the basis of future action. It is understood that the ministers agreed thepledge was binding not only on Mr. Asquith, but on the government as a whole. The cabinet is believed to have decided al so that the number of single men who have not been attested is not a negligible minority, but is, in fact larger than most of the ministers expected.

The ministers recognized therefore that the problem is a serious one and decided that circumstances demanded the redemption of the premier's pledge.

The trend of the discussion virtually amounted to this:

That the Cabinet was prepared, upon the reassembling of Parliament on Tuesday next, to recommend the adoption of compulsory measures.

EX-CONVICT KILLS WOMAN

Murderer Pardoned by Blease Then Rushes Into House and Ends Own Life by Cutting Throat

Columbus, S. C. Dec. 29.—Enraged because she had appeared against him in court Monday where he faced a charge of disorderly conduct, Ed. White, a former convict, today attacked Ada Giddings with a knife in front of her home here. He then rushed into her home, lay down on a bed and cut his throat. Both were dead when officers arrived.

White, who was forty years of age, was convicted here in 1899 and sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a woman. He was pardoned in 1914 by former Governor Blease, and recently had been employed at the Capitol as a night fireman. The Giddings woman was thirty years old.

ATTACKS MADE EAST AND WEST

Allies Reported Active at Various Points in Both War Zones

FRENCH ADVANCING

Russians Mowed Down, Says Vienna —Offensive Against Saloniki May Be Abandoned.

London, Dec. 29.—While there has been considerable renewal of activity at several points on both the eastern and western fronts in the past 24 hours, the situation in the Balkans bears the most peaceful appearance in weeks. Dispatches from both Germanic and Entente sources agree that the probability of an Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive against Saloniki is disappearing with the withdrawal of the Bulgarian frontier guards to purely defensive positions well behind the Greek frontier.

It is declared in Vienna that the Central Powers have come to regard any offensive against Saloniki as a measure promising only embarrassments and no advantages. In fact, the Central Powers are inclined to regard the huge Entente force at Saloniki as safely cooped up, useless and expensive, and that therefore it would be an advantage to the Central Powers to let it remain there.

On the western front the German official communication admits a French advance on Hiczstein, but gives no details. There also has been further activity in the Vosges district, with intense artillery fighting along the whole front of Hartmannsweilerkopf.

Vienna reports the Russians attacking fiercely on the Dniester and in Bessarabia. The Austrian communication speaks of the Russians advancing in serried lines 15 to 16 deep, which the artillery broke up with huge Russian losses.

A dispatch from a German source says: "A terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia."

The German campaign in the Near East and beyond, according to today's telegrams, is to be pushed with the utmost vigor and energy. Field Marshall von Mackensen is reported to be the leader selected for the new theatre of operations and the invasion of Egypt is said to be his immediate object. Numbers of trains are reported to be conveying ammunition and guns to Constantinople and other preparations are being pushed on a big scale.

From many isolated fronts come reports of preparations for spring campaigns, either in the form of a change in the location of large bodies of troops or in the building of fortifications. Along the Dvinsk and Bug lines the Germans are said to be constructing colossal fortifications, equipped with heavy artillery and with machine guns and automatic rifles supplied in unlimited quantities.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS

Full Conditions Will Shortly be Presented to Allies at The Hague.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 29. — A dispatch to the Tribune from Vienna says:

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected in Vienna shortly with the full conditions under which the central powers will accept peace.

"After discussing the terms with Baron von Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, the conditions will be officially communicated to the allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference he held at The Hague."

DEATH OF FOOTBALL STAR.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 29. — Thomas Shevlin, millionaire lumberman and famous Yale football star, died of pneumonia early today. He had been ill but six days.

Shevlin contracted a cold while coaching the Yale football squad last fall.

PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

All Members of Cabinet Send Hearty Congratulations

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 29—On his fifty-ninth birthday President Wilson worked several hours, read hundreds of telegrams of congratulation from people all over the country, took a long automobile drive over snow covered mountain roads, and in the evening had a quiet birthday dinner with his wife in their suite.

A lengthy letter from Secretary Lansing reached the President during the day. It is understood to have given a review of international affairs, discussing particularly the situation growing out of Austria's method of submarine warfare.

Among the messages of congratulations was the one signed by all the members of the cabinet. Many of the others coupled with felicitations, expressions of thanks to the President for keeping the country at peace, and hope for his reelection.

The feature of the birthday dinner was a cake designed by Mrs. Wilson herself. It was an almond sponge cake, decorated with candy roses and tulips and bearing in white icing the inscription: "Many happy returns. W. W."

A flood of messages wishing the President "many happy returns" poured into the White House yesterday from all parts of the world. The day was the fifty-ninth anniversary of the chief executive's birth.

Many of the messages that came from loyal political supporters expressed the wish that they might have greetings to the White House for at least five more years.

MILK FOR GERMAN BABES

Allied Governments Will be Asked by U. S. to Allow Shipment

Washington, Dec. 29—Secretary of State Lansing yesterday cabled instructions to United States Ambassador Walter H. Page at London and William G. Sharp at Paris to learn whether the British and French governments, respectively, will consent to shipments of condensed milk from the United States to the babies of Austria and Germany.

The inquiry is the result of earnest efforts on the part of charitable organizations in this country to meet a situation wherein, according to reports received from the Teutonic nations, large numbers of infants are starving for want of proper nourishment.

Secretary Lansings cablegram was as follows:

"Ascertain and report promptly whether the British (French) government will permit the transportation of milk from this country to Germany and Austria to be distributed to the babies in these countries under the direction of the American Red Cross."

In view of assurances received yesterday that Great Britain is not going to interfere with the shipment of hospital supplies from the United States to the central powers, it is hoped that the British and French authorities will see fit to permit the milk shipments to be included under the restrictions proposed by this government.

CRISIS IN BRITAIN

Desperate Preparations Being Made to Protect Suez Canal

London, Dec. 29—The British nation is facing grave crises in the field of the army operations. The "wasp waist" of the empire—the Suez Canal the road to India—is so gravely threatened that desperate preparations are being made to safeguard it.

Official announcement is made that more than 40,000 native Indian troops who have been fighting in France and Flanders for many months, have been sent "to another field of action," probably northern Africa or Mesopotamia.

It is said in Berlin that there have been serious mutinies in India and that fighting along the northwestern border has assumed serious proportions, the entire hill country being in open revolt against the British. The Ameer of Afghanistan is said to have joined the mutineers. All British regular troops have been sent to Egypt and Mesopotamia, the British territorials are not able to cope with the situation and the native troops are not loyal, the Berlin message asserted.

BANKS DECLARE FIRST DIVIDEND

Richmond Institution Pays 5 Per Cent to 506 Member Banks

IS FIRST BANK TO ACT

Payment of $151,000 Before January 1 Brings Total Bank Dividends to Half Million Dollars

Richmond, Dec. 29—Probably the first of the twelve Federal reserve banks in the United States to make a profit return to the owners of its capital stock, the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank yesterday announced a 5 per cent dividend for the benefit of the 506 members banks of the Fifth District whose stock subscriptions make up the present $3,330,000 capital of the local institution.

The dividend is payable out of the net earnings for the period of operation—November 2, 1914, to December 31, 1915. The amount of dividend due each member bank was determined by allowing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum on all capital stock payments from the date upon which such payments were received to December 31, 1915, except that in the case of payments made prior to the dates of call, interest was allowed only from the dates of call.

A bulletin addressed yesterday by Governor Seay to the member banks informs them that the dividend due each will be placed to its credit prior to January 1, thus enabling the banks to include the dividend in their earnings fo rthe current year. The total amount so credited will be approximately $151,000.

The dividend just declared by the Richmond Reserve Bank raises to the half million mark the amount that will be paid out in dividends by local banks on next Saturay, the first day of the new year. While the beneficiaries will be scattered over five States and the District of Columbia, the dividends will nevertheless be the product, in large part, of the efficient administration of an institution whose success has been in a marked degree traceable to favorable trade and banking conditions, created by its location in Richmond.

The first bank of the Federal system of twelve to organize and the first to report to the Federal Reserve Board that it was open for business, the local institution has from the beginning set a fast pace for its eleven sisters. It has for months been the biggest moneymaker of the twelve in proportion to capital stock. As far as could be learned yesterday, it is the first to declare a dividend from its net earnings.

The Federal reserve act provides that, after all necessary expenses of a Federal reserve bank have been paid or provided for, the stockholders shall be entitled to receive an annual dividend of 6 per cent on the paid-in capital stock, the dividend to be cumulative. Earnings in excess of 6 per cent are to be turned over to the government.

The net earnings of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank for the period of operation, after deducting all current expenses, will be approximately 6 per cent on the capital paid in for the average time of employment. The directors, however, deducted also a certain proportion of the expenses incurrel previous to and during the period of organization, thus reducing the net amount available to approximate the dividend of 5 per cent, which was declared. The unpaid proportion of preorganization expenses will be paid the same way—out of future earnings.

"But for these unusual expenses," says Governor Seay in his message to the member banks, "the bank would be able to pay the full 6 per cent which members are entitled to receive after all necessary expenses have been paid or provided for. The dividend being cumulative the difference of 1 per cent will be paid to members out of future earnings."

SUIT FOR $30,000 DAMAGES.

Seek to Recover From Prince George Coroner for Alleged Defamation of Character.

Hopewell, Dec. 29.—As a result of their recent arrest on a warrant sworn out by Coroner J. H. Hargrave, charging them with criminal malpractice, and the subsequent dismissal of the charges in Police Court on Monday at the request of Special Prosecutor Harrison, Drs. J. N. and D. L. Elder have retained counsel, and announced their intention tonight of filing a $30,000 suit against the coroner, alleging defamation of character.

The case promises to be one of the most sensational damage suits ever filed in Prince George county, Attorneys Garrow and Bell, counsel for the young physicians, announce that the suit will be filed. The young surgeons will charge that Coroner Hargrave swore out the warrant for their arrest without taking proper steps to learn the particulars in regard to the operation.

They will ask for damages in the sum of $30,000, claiming that their arrest was unwarranted and that personal affairs influenced the coroner in swearing out the warrant. They will claim that their reputation, both professionally and personally, has been damaged to the amount sought.

The young physicians are prominent locally. They formerly lived in Richmond and were popular in that city, They came to Hopewell during the early spring, and grew up with the city. They are the proprietors of the Hopewell Hospital.

Their arrest several weeks ago caused quite a sensation. Coroner Hargrave charged them with performing an illegal operation. The case was continued in Police Court until last Monday. On Monday, Special Prosecutor Harrison asked that the case be dismissed as he was unable to produce any evidence to support the charges.

WOULD RESTRAIN NATION.

Former Secretary of State Root Believes This Will Insure Peace.

Washington, Dec. 29.—In the real restraint of nations by powerful international tribunals operating under a definite code of laws alone lies hope of world peace, Elihu Root, former Secretary of State and senator from New York, declared in an address at the New Willard last night He was speaking before a joint session of a subsection of international law from the pan-American scientific congress and the American Society of International Law, of which he is president.

"The Christian church has been urging peace and good will among men for nineteen centuries, and still there is war," said Mr. Root. "Concerts of Europe and alliances and ententes and skillful balance of power all lead ultimately to war. Conciliation, good will, love of peace, human sympathy are all ineffective without institutions through which they can act. Only the possibility of establishing real restraint by law seems to remain to give effect to the undoubted will of the vast majority of mankind."

WOMAN KILLS BARBER.

Dead Man Leaves Wife and Nine Children.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Elvira Lapore, 25 years old, a wife and mother of four children, shot and killed Joseph Laudadio, a barber, when she was attacked in her home on the second floor of 45 Garside Street Newark, early last night.

The woman made her escape after notifying a neighbor of her deed. A search for the slayer is being made by the police.

According to the story told to the police by Mrs. Pasqualina Ilaria, a neighbor, Mrs. Lapore brough two of her children to the Ilaria apartments with a request that they be kept there for a few minutes.

After a short time Mrs. Lapore returned with a revolver in her hand, and announced that she had "killed him." Laying the weapon down on an ice chest, Mrs. Lapore hurried from the house.

From Mrs. Ilaria's story the police believe that Mrs. Lapore was defending herself from an attack by Laudadio when she fired the shot.

Laudadio conducted a barbershop at 44 Garside street, and lived with his wife and nine children at 26 Garside street.

ENGLAND NOT READY FOR PEACE

Summary of Possible Proposals Made by Germany Are Ridiculed

IMPOSSIBLE TERMS

Wolff Bureau, Official Organ, Sends Out Six Tentative "Feelers" For Discussion.

London, Dec. 29. —A decision to call new armies into the field by conscription, if necessary, is Great Britain's answer to what officials regard as a new "peace feeler" from Germany.

Press dispatches from Berlin and Geneva today contain new peace hints and report that the official news agency of Germany, the Wolff Bureau, has sent to newspapers a summary of possible terms of peace.

This summary, according to the bureau, was prepared and printed by the Nue Zuericher Zeitung of Zurich.

Though the Wolff Bureau specifically declares that, though circulating this summary, it is not representing the government in putting out "peace feelers," that view was generally taken here today.

British officials ridicule the alleged German peace program, commenting sarcastically on the idea that Germany would exact huge indemnities from the allies.

The possible peace terms suggested by the Swiss newspaper and printed in Germany call for:

1. Evacuation of Belgium and northern France by Germany.

2. Establishment of a Polish kingdom under the domination of Germany and the payment of a large sum annually to Germany by Russia.

3. Payment to Germany by Belgium of the sum Belgium formerly spent each year on her armies.

4. Return of all German colonies conquered by the allies.

5. Payment by the allies to Germany of an indemnity of about $3,600,000,000.

The peace terms, the Swiss newspaper declared, should also contain some guarantees that Belgium would enter ito no alliances with Germany's enemies. Germany probably would maintain garrisons in Belgium until the allies fulfilled all conditions of the peace treaty.

French claims upon Alsace-Lorraine were ignored by the Swiss paper in drawing up its tentative peace program.

The Geneva Tribune prints reports that the German chancellor will visit Vienna shortly with the object of opening peace discussions.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

"Castle Christmas" was the name of the play presented by the pupils of St. Paul's Sunday school at the Norton Memorial last night, which was filled with a large audience.

Samarian Rebekah Lodge will hold its regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at their home on north Columbus street, at which time the election of officers will take place.

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS

Gas bills for quarter ending Dec. 1, 1915, having been delivered, this is to notify all gas consumers that all bills paid on or before January 1, 1916, will be entitled to a discount of 30 cents per 1000 cubic feet. After that date no discount will be allowed and all delinquents will be required to make an early settlement.

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XMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Seminole Tribe of Red Men Will Remember Needy Children of Alexandria

All arrangements have been completed for the Christmas tree festival which Seminole Tribe of Red Men will give to the needy children of Alexandria tomorrow night in the Young People's Building. About 250 invitations have been issued for the occasion, and the celebration promises to be a success in every way. Christmas stockings will be given to each child containing fruit, nuts and candy, besides some clothing and a present of some toy. The committee in charge of plans for the entertainment is composed of the following members of the tribe: Walter S. Nicklin, Harry H. Newton, Conway C. Brawner, Roger C. Sullivan, and Arthur J. Butcher.

Three Sunday school celebrations take place tonight. The main Sunday schools of the Second Presbyterian Church, the Trinity Methodist, and Methodist Protestant all hold their Christmas festivals tonight at 7:30 in their respective auditoriums or Sunday school rooms. Last night the main schools of the M. E. Church South, the Second Baptist and Grace Episcopal churches held their celebrations and yesterday afternoon the primary department of the M. E. Church South school held its festival. But one more Sunday school in the city remains to hold a festival, that being the school of the First Baptist Church which will hold theirs tomorrow night in the church auditorium.

FUNERALS

Funeral services for Mrs. Lenz Koblein, who died on Monday night at her home in Del Ray, will be held at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

The funeral of little Allan P. Johnson the 6 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan P. Johnson, who died Monday night, will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Archer, where the death occurred, and will be conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church

FORD PEACE PARTY.

Stockholm, Dec. 29.—United States Minister Morris today refused to cable to Washington a request that the passports of the Ford peace delegates be extended to include Germany on the ground that Secretary Lansing had already refused a similar request from the American legation at Copenhagen.

The Ford lieutenants are very indignant over the refusal. Originally they had planned to leave for Copenhagen today, but they delayed their departure until Thursday, hoping to receive word that their request for extensions would be granted.

Business manager Plantiff said that arrangements could be made at once to charter a ship to carry the party from Copenhagen to The Hague, since they will be unable to cross Germany. Many delegates still believe the expedition will disintergrate at Copenhagen.

CHURCH MAKES RELIEF DEAL

Louisville, Dec. 29—Conditioned upon the church raising twice the amount during the next year, George W. Watts, of Durham, N. C., a wealthy member, has offered to give $68,000 to the Southern Presbyterian Church endowment fund for ministrial relief.

Dr. Henry H. Sweets, Louisville, secretary of the Board which has charge of the fund, made this announcement here today. With the exception of $100,000, contributed about six years ago by the late H. T. Inman, of Atlanta, the announcement says, his is the largest gift ever made for superannuated preachers of any denomination in the South.

insured that the terms of Mr. Watts insured that the term of Mr. Watts' gift would be met and that the additional money would swell the Southern Presbyterian fund for ministerial relief to $536,000.

PASSING OF OLD YEAR

Two Alexandria Churches Will Hold "Watch Night" Services New Year's Eve Night

Only two Alexandria churches will hold exercises in connection with the passing away of the old year, they being the Secnod Baptist and the Trinity Methodist. The first named church will hold a big reception for its members from 7:30 p. m. New Year's eve until 11 o'clock. From then on until midnight special religious services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. O. W. Triplett to usher in the year 1916. At Trinity Church "watch night" services will be held from ten until midnight and will be conducted by the Rev. Lyttleton M. Ferguson, pastor.

NEW OPERA HOUSE.

Matinee Performance Will be Given New Year's Afternoon.

The time is rapidly drawing near for the opening of the New Opera House in this city.

The new lessees, Messrs. Phillips and Clarke, have been indefatigable in their efforts to have all necessary alterations and repairs completed for the opening matinee performance on New Year's afternoon, and they are well satisfied that their desire will be accomplished.

The patrons of this House will be agreeably surprised at the great change in the interior effect that has been wrought. A comforting and pleasant surrounding has been given by the blending of the colors of old rose, and a perfectly harmonizing shade of light green, the result being most resting to the eyes, and assures to the audience an atmosphere of entire subduedness that is necessary for them to obtain to thoroughly enjoy the entertainment placed before them.

The advertising columns of this paper will notify the public of the excellent bill, that will be prepared for them each week ,and the management can confidently state that the high standard set for the opening week, will be carried out on the same scale from week to week; in fact as long as they have the honor to cater to the amusement-loving citizens of Alexandria.

USEFUL SOUVENIRS

The C. C. Smoot and Son's Co., a firm which has conducted the tanning business in Alexandria for nearly a century, has sent out to their customers and friends useful New Year's reminders in the shape of handsome two bladed pocket knives, with President Wilson in bas relief on the handles, together with the names of all Presidents of the United States and the years they served. The handles of the knives are of metal and the blades of fine steel. Last year this firm sent out attractive leather bill books as New Year's reminders.

INVENTS RUBBERLESS TIRE.

Wood Fibre Shows Wonderful Wear on Motor Cars.

Vienna, Dec. 29—The announcement that a German professor has succeeded in making synthetic rubber from chemicals has brought to light here the fact that an Austrian engineer named von Dunikowsky two months ago applied for a patent on a tire consisting of wood fibre and coaster binders.

The specifications show that the tire follows the old pneumatic principle in every detail, there being an inner tube and an outer tire. The main material used is willow and birch fibre. What the binder consists of has not been revealed, but is is known that no rubber whatever is used.

It was announced today that a motor car fitted with the new tires ran 437 miles under adverse conditions and the tires showed no signs of undue wear. It is said that the invention is such a success that a large Vienna bank is financing it.

DROPS COIN TO CORPSE.

Atlantic City, Dec. 29.—Wearied by a day's search for employment, Mary Conley, 50 years old, sat down to rest on a doorstep at No. 1812 Atlantic Avenue, late Monday night, and is believed to have died of heart trouble. Her dejected posture aroused the pity of passers-by, and many of them dropped coins into her lap, ignorant of her fate. Not until 3 o'clock yesterday morning did a policemen discover that the woman was dead.

The woman came from Ireland 40 years ago, [illegible] in Philadelphia [illegible] years ago she came to the city and had been employed as a domestic in many homes. She was unable to obtain employment recently and [illegible] existing upon the charity of friends.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Interesting News Notes About People of Alexandria—Happenings In Society.

Miss Ellen Burke entertained a number of friends at cards yesterday evening at her home in north Rosemont, progressive "five hundred" being played. There were eight tables of players and the five handsome prizes were won by Miss Collins Jones, Miss Lucy Anderson, Edward van Devender, Charles C. Carlin, jr., and Waller Barrett.

Among those playing were Misses Lucy Anderson, Sarah Cox, Collins Jones, Marie Gasson, Hilda Schneider, Isobel Boswell, Elsie Brown of Washington; Elizabeth Hull, or Norfolk; Mary Hunt Roberts, Charlotte Kemper, Elizabeth Boothe, Elizabeth Bryant, and Messrs. Albert V. Bryan, Louis C. Barley, jr., Ferguson Bryan, Clinton Smoot, Charles C. Carlin, jr., Severn Taliaferro, of Wyoming; Bruce Morton, Wesley Bitzer, Gardner L. Boothe, Johnson McGuire, Tupper Barrett, Waller Barrett, Frank Johnston, John M. Leadbeater, Thomas L. Wattles, Clarence Robinson and Edward van Devender.

Alexandria Lodge of Elks gave their Christmas dance last night in the auditorium of their home on Prince street from nine until one p. m., The hall was filled with the many couples on the floor and all around the walls people were packed. More than a hundred guests from Washington alone attended the affair, a special car having been provided for their return to the Capital City. Supper was served in the rathskeller, and the whole affair was unusually brilliant. Decorations were of Christmas greens and palms and various colored electric lights.

The Elks' auditorium for the remaining three nights in the year 1915 will be the scene of the holiday dances of three dancing clubs of the city. As seen by notice elsewhere the Junior Assembly will give their big Christmas german tonight. Tomorrow evening the Alexandria assembly will hold their holiday dance, and on New Year'sEve the Alexandria German Club will dance the old year out and usher in the new with brilliant festivities. The Junior German club meets Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kicherer on Christmas Day entertained in honor of their four sisters and brother, who are here on a visit for the holidays. The are Mrs. A. N. King, of Nokesville, Va., Miss Josephine Bailey of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. N. E. Cole, of Grafton, W. Va., Mrs. J. W. R. Brown, of Grafton, W. Va., Mr. W. G. Bailey, of Nokesville, Va., and their brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. R. Brown, of Grafton, W. Va.

Tonight at eight o'clock the orchestra selected for the occasion will tune up for the opening strains of the biggest function the Junior Assembly gives during the season, their Christmas german. Between 60 and 100 dancers are expected to be present besides the chaperones. About twenty of those on the floor will be out-of-town guests, and the affair promises to be on of great brilliancy.

Members of the alumni association of the Alexandria High School are anticipating a delightful entertainment the afternoon of New Year's eve, when Miss Corinne Reardon, president of the association, entertains in their honor A large number of invitations have been issued for the occasion, and besides the alumni members of the high school faculty will be guests.

Eighteen seats at the matinee performance at Poli's Theatre yesterday afternoon were occupied by a party of young people from Alexandria.

"CRACK THE WHIP" KILLS

Little Boy Seems to Get Meningitis After 40-Foot Lunge

Mapleton Depot, Pa., Dec. 29—Little George, six-year-old son of Telegrapher W. E. Hack, has died of injuries sustained when older and heavier school mates made him the "snapper" in a game of "crack the whip". They threw him 40 feet at the turn, he was so little and light.

The doctors called his ailment tubular meningitis; but little Georg playmates, since his death, say t feel sure its origin was in that g where they really didn't intend throw him so far or so hard. He "game," and in all his suferin the hospital never "told on the

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NEW YORK LARGER THAN LONDON.

A dispatch from London says New York is now the largest city in the world. London, by reason of losses occasioned by the war, and because of a gigantic mistake in estimating the population, must now admit that the American metropolis is the bigger by about 250,000 people.

Nor are matters improved, as Londoners have imagined, by comparing the population of greater London with that of Greater New York, for there again the American metropolis beats the older city by 132,000. It is four years now since the last census of London was taken, but the official figures have only just been made public.

These figures show, among other things, the astonishing blunder. The census revealed that there were actually some 4,500,000 within the county of London (which means London proper), but the London county council and other local authorities had been estimating that the population was 390,000 more, and, accordingly, all statistics as to births and deaths have been inaccurate.

The immensity of London has been the Briton's boast from time immemorial. When Manhattan Island was covered with forests and the aborigines of North America were running wild and naked over ground now forming the most congested thoroughfares in the world, England was proud of its great metropolis, which was for centuries the largest city in the world. During the lifetime of many now living exhibitors of panoramas have told us that it was then as large as New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore combined.

According to a guide book published about forty years ago, should a man walk ten miles a day it would require nine years to walk over every street in the British metropolis.

A walk from Charing Cross through the Strand and Fleet street of St. Paul's, the Royal Exchange and Bank of England is interesting to the visitor to London. Thousands and thousands of human being of all conditions of life and numberless vehicles, including the pony drays mentioned by David Copperfield in his tramp from London to Dover, block the streets and prompt the query, "Was there such a city in modern or ancient times?" But it seems our great American city has overtaken and passed it.

MADE OF HORACE GREELEY, DEFEND US!

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says:

Somebody with a fondness for the New York Tribune ought to apply for a writ de lunatico inquirendo and have the mental status of that journalistic prodigy accurately determined. For the Tribune is "seeing things at night" and describing them in the morning with a lurid imagery that makes quiet folks shudder.

Just the other day, for example, there was delivered of an editorial designating what it called "the shame of America" and fairly spattered with such phrases as "the nakedness of our name and cowardice," "betrayal of what America has meant to the world," "ignoble ambition and shameful self-seeking" and others of the same period and hysterical description.

These attacks are directed at the President of the United States. Patriotic men might be made angry by them were it not for a steadily growing conviction that the mental condition of the Tribune properly should excite another emotion. It suffers from an exaggerated case of paranoia criticaa—and it really should be looked after by its friends.

Sixty years ago the Tribune wielded great influence in the northern section of the United States, but in this day newspaper editorials do not carry the weight they did in the days of Greeley, Bennett, Raymond and others. The New York Tribune in the latter part of the fifties while the anti-slavery agitation was on, was regarded as the guiding star of thousands, and when in 1860 had become so conservative to people south of Mason and Dixon's line that it was necessary to smuggle it into this part of the country. This may be regarded as a strange statement, but it is a fact. Hinton Rowan Helper's book, "The Impending Crisis," was also in the index expurgatarius. In those days a corporal's guard of Alexandrians, supporters of Abraham Lincoln, received from a news agent copies of the Tribune in wrappers, it being regarded as unsafe to expose the paper.

In 1872 Greeley stock took a decided tumble among republicans of the South, as he was the candidate for President against Ulysses S. Grant, who had a military record. Former supporters of the New York editor lampooned him unmercifully, and in so doing referred to previous days when they formed their political opinions from his editorials.

In Wilkie Collins's novel, "The Moonstone," the reader will call to mind an old caretaker named Gabriel Betteredge. He is represented as having read but one book—"Robinson Crusoe"—from which he drew all his inspiration. Betteredge found something in Defoe's book to meet every emergency in life. Most subscribers to the Tribune read little else on the line of political literature and what the Tribune said was to them the end of all controversy.

But times change and we change with them. The Tribune of today may be regarded as a brutem fulmen—(a harmless thunderbolt.)

WILSON AND GERMAN AMERICANS.

The German-Americans are coming to look with less enmity on President Wilson, as the result of the continued discussion of the possibility that Theodore Roosevelt will be the Presidential candidate of the Republican party, according to reports from different German-American centres which have reached the White House this week.

Roosevelt's declaration that the United States ought to cast its lot openly with the allies has been contrasted by the German-Americans with the patient reasonableness which has characterized President Wilson's association with the Teutonic Governments. The result, according to confidential advisers of the President, has been to convince many German-Americans that they have much to be thankful for in having received fair treatment from the President, at a time when Roosevelt was advocating the policy of defiant opposition.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The newspaper Hestia of Athens, states that the entente powers have loaned 10,000,000 francs (about $2,000,000) to Greece.

A revolution which threatens to sweep Yuan Shi Kai from the emperor's throne and reestablish the republic is reported.

Snow fell for an hour yesterday at Dolores, Texas, 22 miles northwest of Laredo. A light snow fell at Laredo, the first time in more than 20 years. The temperature was 30 degrees above zero.

Francis Adams, former judge of the circuit and appellate courts, of Chicago, and one of the best known and oldest lawyers in that city died yesterday of blood poisoning as the result of using an old knife in cutting a corn.

Pestilence, famine and anarchy reign in Albania. Thousands of men, women and children are starving, while American relief supplies are rotting on ship board, the relief committee being unable to get the foodstuffs into the interior.

Mrs. Ida von Claussen, recently released from an insane asylum, and heroine of a long series of peculiarly fantastic exploits, burst into matrimony yesterday in New York. She is now the wife of Francis Albert Donna, of Philadelphia.

A movement has been started in Berlin for the formation of a new party in the reichstag. Its program will include efforts for an early peace and criticism of the government's handling of certain internal problems, particularly of the food supply.

From what is believed to be the effects of poisoned Christmas candy five Cambridge and Brighton Mass., children have died since Saturday and two more are near death. All of the children who have died were seized with vomiting spells and died within a few hours.

Former President Theodore Roosevelt yesterday was allowed $1,442.52 against William Barnes, of Albany, as cost and disbursements in the recent trial in Syracuse, N. Y., when the $50,000 libel suit brought by Barnes was decided in favor of Roosevelt.

Making good her threats to kill her sons and try to take her own life, Mrs. Edward Kratz threw her two children, Edward, 5, and Stanley 7, into the Milford Conn., Water Company's reservoir yesterday afternoon and then jumped in herself. The boys were drowned. The woman was rescued.

George Peck, 50, a mute, disagreed with his mute wife in Olean, N. Y., last night and shot her twice, once through the head and once in the abdomen. He then turned the revolver on himself and sent a bullet through his brain. Their 10 year old son witnessed the tragedy. Mrs. Peck will live.

Grace Schooley, a 17 year old student at Mount Airy College, Philadelphia, disappeared on her way home Peckville, Pa., for the holidays. The girl has been traced from Philadelphia to Wilkes-Barre. Since she alighted from the train at the latter place, ostensibly to change cars for Peckville, she has not been seen.

News was received yesterday at El Paso, Texas, of an attempt to assassinate Gen. Francisco Villa near Bustillos, state of Chihuahua, Monday Four of Villa's followers tried to shoot him, but missed. Villa thereupon dre whis pistol and killed two of the would-be assassins. Villa is making a powerful effort to collect his old followers and reorganize his army.

The weather bureau last night issued the following storm warning: "Hoist northeast storm warning 10 p. m. north of Cape Henry to and including New York. Storm of marked intensity over southern Alabama moving northeast. Winds will become easterly by Wednesday morning and increasing to gale force. Warnings also displayed on Florida peninsula."

Mayor Carl H. Keller, of Toledo, Ohio, was indicted yesterday on the charge of accepting a bribe. The charge is based on a transaction September 15, 1914, by which, it is alleged, Keller was given an automobile to influence his vote as member of the city board of control, to award a $65,000 contract to a motor company for motor fire apparatus. The mayor goes out of office New Year's day.

Eight men, including a member of Congress, a former member of Congress, and a former attorney general of Ohio, were indicted yesterday by a Federal grand jury in New York on a charge of conspiring to foment strikes in American munition factories as part of a campaign, financed by the German government, to check the exportation of munitions to the entente allies. The men indicted were Representative Frank Buchanan, of Illinois; former Representative H. Robert Fowler, of Illinois; Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio; H. B. Martin, Herman Schulteis, Franz von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob C. Taylor.

VIRGINIA NEWS

The Statewide prohibition law which puts an end to the traffic in liquors, on November 1, 1916, will bite a $50,000 chunk out of Richmond's revenues.

Noah Leonard, who was run down by an automobile on a Bristol suburban pike Monday night, died of his injuries last night. He was 35 years old, and is survived by his wife and several children.

Capt. Charles T. Bland, Commonwealth's Attorney and one of the leading members of the Norfolk bar, died last night following a brief illness. Capt. Bland had served his city in the Legislature and other official positions. For years he was connected with the Virginia League as owner of the Portsmouth franchise.

Staunton, Va., which had in 1910 a population of 10,604 is estimated to have had a population of 11,316 on Jnuly 1 last according to a preliminary statement of the general results of the census of manufactures for the Valley City, which has been issued by Sam L. Rogers, of the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce.

Revenue men on Christmas Day raided an illicit still in Pittsylvania county, which was ready for a steady run by the moonshiners, but the operators made their escape upon the approach of the three men making the raid. The still was located by a negro leaving it with a five-gallon jug on his back in a sack, which the negro abandoned when he discovered that he was being followed. When caught the negro declared: "Boss, you done broke my Christmas."

Several hundred oyster tongers and small planters, representing five Tidewater counties, met yesterday at Newport News, discussed their troubles, effected a permanent organization and made plans for a fight before the next Legislature to relieve conditions in the oyster industry by amending the existing laws, they claim have reduced the tongers to a condition bordering on pauperism. The organization, to be known as the Oystermen's Protective Association.

Three residences at Monroe, the divisional terminal of the Southern Railway, near Lynchburg were burned yesterday, entailing a loss of more than $10,000. Much of the furniture of the three houses was saved. Heroic work by a bucket brigade made up of railway men prevented a further spread of the flames. The homes burned were occupied by M. C. Bryant, J. F. Smith and M. E. Nance, the last two being owned by J. F. Smith, of Roanoke.

When Dr. William F. Davison prominent dentists, died at his home at Dumbaron, Richmond, on Christmas Eve, his four-year-old daughter was seated on his knee wondering what Santa Claus was going to bring her, it was learned today. Stricken suddenly with a heart attack, Dr. Davidson sank to the floor and expired in a moment or two. The little girl not realizing that death had come to mar her enjoyment of Christmas and Santa Claus' visit, bent over him and tried in vain to arouse him. She then ran and called the cook, who happened to be the only other person in the house at the time.

The winter term of theSupreme Court of Appeals will begin next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The docket is a very heavy one, with a vast number of interesting cases. No opinions will be handed down for some time—not before January 13th, the second Thursday in the term. There are very many important cases which have been argued and submitted to the court. Judge Cardwell, who was detained from attending the fall term by reason of inflamed eyes, has fully recovered and will be able to take his place on the bench as usual. It is expected that all of the other members of the court will be on hand when the term opens.

Gov. Stuart yesterday afternoon received a telegraphic request from Secretary of State Lansing for a report on the wounding at Hopewell of a Russian subject, Lesansse Schake, who was thrust through the abdomen by Private J. B. Blue, of the State militia company doing police duty there pending the organization of a civil government. Schake and others were escaping from a house being raided for alleged illegal liquor dealing, and soldiers state, not only refused to halt but started to overrun Private Blue, upon whose bayonet the man became impaled. Court-martial held Monday night exonorated Blue. Gov. Stuart has requested Adjutant General Sale to investigate the matter and prepare a report.

A blaze, which for a time threatened the destruction of a number of frame buildings and tents erected since the Hopewell fire of two weeks ago, broke out at 8 o'clock last night when an unidentified man seized a gasoline tank pipe for support while staggering down Gawson street in a drunken condition, causing it to explode. The tank light was suspended from a pole supporting the front roof. The man seized the piping and it snapped off between the tank and light. A stream of gasoline flowed over a pile of clothing lying on a counter and caught fire, from the lighted end of the broken pipe. A Du Pont employee, standing in the street nearby, caught the tank and threw it into a pool of water. A bucket brigade extinguished the flames before they could spread.

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New York, Dec. 29.— Four passengers of an automobile carried 225 feet on the cather of a fast train miraculously escaped death last night.

None of the men were thrown from the automobile; only one was seriously injured. The train was going forty miles an hour.

The automobile was struck at the Sixth street crossing on the Erie railway, in Paterson.

At a Corporation Court of the their approval of the detirmination of held at the Court house of said City on Wednesday, September 8th 1915. Present, Hon. Louis C. Barley, Judge.

Sarah Estella Shoemaker, vs. IN CHANCERY

Theodore F. Shoemaker,

Upon the written application of the complainant stating specifically the last known place of abode of the defendant, and it appearing that the process has been issued and returned by the Sergeant of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, showing that the defendant was not found within the jurisdiction of this Court, the following order of publication is granted on this 8th day of September, 1915.

The object of this suit is to ovtain a decree absolutely divorcing the complainant Sarah Estelle Shoemaker on the ground of desertion for a period of more than three years and for general relief, and an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant Theodore F. Shoemaker is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear within 15 days after due publication of said order of publication, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

And it is further ordered that a copy of said order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, Va., and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Court House of the Corporation Court of the said City, on or before the next rule day after which this order is entered, and that a copy of said order of publication be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court addressed to the said non-resident defendant, at Tacoma Park, Washington, D. C., his last known place of abode.

A copy teste:

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk

H. Noel Garner, P. Q.

VIRGINIA.

In the clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 8th day of November 1915.

Edgar R. Troxell and J. N. Thomas, Complainants

vs.

Capital City Telephone Company, of Alexandria, Virginia, and the Central Trust Company of Maryland, Trustee, Defendants.

Memo. The object of this suit is to marshal the assets of the said Company and ascertain its debts the liens, if any, and their priorities, and all other indebtness that may be due by the said Company to anyone, and to finally administer and wind up the affairs of the said Company, and to dissolve the same.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendants Central Trust Company of Maryland, Trustee is a non-resident of this State: It is ordered, that said defendant appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect its interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.

A copy teste.

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk

Samuel P. Fisher, P. Q.

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P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40; 4 00; 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00; 6 40; 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00; 8 30; 9 00; 9 30; 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55.

Sundays and Holidays, same as above except trains at 6 00, 5 40, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10; 7 20; 7 50 and 8 10 A. M. and 11 55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A. M.—Week Days—5 35, 6 55, 7 55, 55, 10 30, 11 20;—P. M.—12 30, 1 10, 30; 3 30; 4 30; 5 35; 6 40 7 35, 9 10 20; 11 50.

Sundays as above except 5 35 and 6 55 A. M. and 11 50 P. M.

VIRGINIA

In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 15th day of December, 1915, Gordon Thomas, in his own right and as devisee under the will of Robert J. Thomas, and as executor thereof, Complainant.

vs

Fanny Dixon, John H. Thomas, Mary Belle Pirtle, John Bashaw, Clairborne Pirtle, Mary Pirtle and Garvin Thomas, Defendants.

The object of this suit is to have the will of Robert J. Thomas, deceased, construed and particularly paragraphs 5 and 6 thereof, and to declare premises Nos. 1400, 1520, and 1522 King Street, Alexandria, Va., to be immediately and now vested in Complainant in fee simple, under terms of said will, and for general relief.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendants John H. Thomas, Mary Belle Pirtle, John Bashaw, Clairborne Pirtle, Mary pirtle and Garvin Thomas are non-residents of this State: It is Ordered, That said defendants appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY Clerk

A Copy Teste:

Robinson Moncure, P. Q.

A revolutionary [illegible] be known as "The Puritan [illegible] Against Yuan Shi-Kai," [illegible] organized in China for the [illegible] upholding the republic.

BLOW AT PEACE TALK.

Allies Contract for Continuous Delivery for Two Years.

New York, Dec. 29.—Large additional war orders — most of them placed with an injunction of secrecy—have been received in the past month or six weeks by those American corporations whose operations are all but indispensable to the allies. Some of these companies have sold their entire output of munitions five and six years ahead. Many have contracted for continuous delivery for two years.

These new and largely increased orders have impressed officers of big munition companies as of the highest significance, for the reason that at about the time the negotiations for the $500,000,000 Anglo-French loan were in their final stages, there was a lull in the placing of orders, and this inactivity continued for some time after conclusion of the negotiations.

An idea of the amount of these new war orders may be derived from the fact that one company has secured an aggregate of $200,000,000 in new contracts in the last few months.

ITALIAN RUNS AMUCK.

Beats and Stabs Policeman And Cuts Two Others.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 29.— Three men were stabbed yesterday morning by Santo Curcaruto, 35 years old, who ran through the streets brandishing a knife and threatening to kill all who came near him.

The Italian, who is believed to be demented, was arrested by Policeman Harry J. Hawke, but he took the club away and beat the officer about the head with it. Martin J. Lully went to the officer's assistance and was stabbed in the hand. A third man, whose name was not learned, also was cut.

During the struggle Hawke was stabbed in the shoulder and he and Lully were sent to the Delaware Hospital.

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INDIA AND WAR

Millions in Former Country Waiting to Serve—Keynote of India Congress

Bombay, Dec. 29—Ten thousand delegates representing all communities, were present yesterday at the opening of the annual India National Congress, which was notable for the loyal and patriotic utterances of the speakers.

"Millions in India are waiting to serve," was the keynote of the opening speeches. In the presidential address, Sir Satyendra Sinha said the supreme feeling in India was "admiration for the self-imposed burden England was bearing in the struggle for liberty and freedom and pride that India had proved herself not a whit behind the rest of the empire in the assistance given the mother country."

Continuing, Sir Satyendra expressed the hope that "the spontaneous outburst of loyalty had dispelled forever all distrust and suspicion betwen the Indians and their rulers." The speaker admitted that the time had not arrived for self-government in India, but he urged the British government to approve ungrudginly the goal to which India aspired and also to permit the recruiting of a strong national Indian army.

Boy Killed by Rooster

The Los Angeles Times says: John M. Seaman, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seaman of this city is dead at Ontario following an attack by a large rooster at the ranch home of the the child's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Lawrence, of that city. John and his mother visited at the ranch several days. The chickens were a novelty to the boy, and he was anxious to feed them. With prodigious bravery that was thought only childishly cute he accomplished his desire. A few days ago he was so engaged when a large rooster jumped at the little fellow and buried its s spurs deeply in his scalp. Blood poisoning developed, and the child died at the San Antonio Hospital after more than a day of suffering.

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TREAT AMERICANS ROUGHLY.

Official Confirmation of Report. Bulgarian Government Will Investigate Charges.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Official confirmation has been received by the State Department of reports of the rough treatment accorded Mrs. Walter Farwell, of Chicago, formerly of Washington, and Dr. R. C. Forbes, a Red Cross surgeon, by Bulgarian troops entering Monastir.

Cabled advices declare that the Bulgarian government has ordered an investigation of the incident. The investigation will also cover charges of the forced entrance of Bulgarian troops into American Red Cross headquarters, and the seizure of a quantity of flour, after an American flag, hung over the door for protection, had been torn down.

The building was forcibly entered, State Department advices said, when Dr. Forbes, refused to surrender to the Bulgarians flour he had purchased for the civil population. Mrs. Farwell attempted to photograph the Bulgarian soldiers during the raid and "had her apparatus seized and destroyed and was momentarily roughly handled."

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The 47th annual meeting of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Fairfax Co., Va., will be held at the company's office, Royal and Prince streets, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, January 10th, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

WALTER ROBERTS, President.

MONEY TO LOAN—$2,500 or portion of same, on city property.—Howard W. Smith, 107 north Fairfax street.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 123 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Va., January 11th, 1916 at 10 o'clock.

Charles D. Walcott, President
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year will be held at No. 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 11th, 1916, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Charles D. Walcott, President,
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 123 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Va., January 11th, 1916, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

A. M. McLACHLEN, President.
L. P. McLACHLEN, Secretary

ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 11, 1915.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 11th day of January 1916, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier

THE FIRST NATIOIAL BANK of Alexandria, Va., December 10th, 1915

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house on January 11th, 1916, at 11 a. m. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting

GEO. E. WARFIELD,
Cashier.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, of Alexandria, Va, December 11, 1915.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on TUESDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1916, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

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As the year 1915 draws to a close and we review the months that have passed by we are mindful of the courtesies and patronage of our constantly increasing number of customers, of their many expressions of good will and confidence in us, and we therefore take this opportunity of extending them the compliments of the season and wishing them a VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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Joseph U. Schwarzmann,
General Manager.

Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 23rd, day of December, 1915.

Perry Johnson, Complainant.
vs. IN CHANCERY.
Ethel Gordon Johnson, Defendant.

An affidavit having been duly made, as required by law, that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, and that she cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the sergeant having made a return upon the original process or summons issued herein that the defendant is a non-resident of his bailiwick, and application having been duly made in writing to the Clerk of this Court for an order of publication against the said defendant to appear and answer a bill in chancery filed by the complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit and an order of publication having been duly granted by the Clerk of this Court it is therefore ordered that said defendant do appear here within 14 days after due publication hereof to answer the suit of complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit, and to do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in Alexandria City, and that a copy of this order be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court to the last known place of address, residence and abode of defendant, to wit: No. 1436 T. street, N. W., Washington, D. C., as stated in the application for this order of of publication, which shall be certified by the Clerk of this Court, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this court on or before the next rule day of the Court.

A Copy Teste:
NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.
Robinson Moncure, P. Q.

NOTICE

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the Company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday the 3rd of January, 1916, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered.

The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 3rd day of January.

W. M. SLATER,
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8:47 A. M.—Daily Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop: Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville, coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg Danville, Greensboro, and Charlotte.

4.22 p. m. daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily— Birmingham Special Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston, Brimingham, hum, and Augusta.. Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service Tourist to California daily.

4:02 P. M.—Local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M.—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m. daily—Augusta Special. Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping cars to Ashville.

10:02 P. M.—Daily Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga. Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke, Dining car service

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans, Dining Car Service.

1:27 A. M. Daily—Memphis special. Sleeping car and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining Car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

For detailed schedule figures, tickets reservations, etc., apply to

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For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, and 10:17 a. m. 12:16, 3:22, 3.32, 5:17 (local) 6:57, 9:47, p. m. daily.

Accommodation for Fredericksburg at 9:27 a. m., daily.

NOTE—Time of arrival and departure and connections not guaran

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as exector of the estate of the late James Wallace Hooff, all persons having bills against said estate are notified to present same to me properly authenticated for payment, and all persons owing said estate are requested to make prompt payment to me.

DOUGLASS HOOFF, Executor.
FREDERICK MARYLAND, 27-3t.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the District of Columbia Paper Mfg. Co., will be held at the principal office of the Company, 111 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, from 12:00 o'clock M., to 1 p. m. on Monday, January 17th, to elect officers for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

G. L. NICOLSON, President.
17—1 a. w 4t.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA, December Twenty second, Nineteen fifteen.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, the regular semi-annual dividend of six per cent and an additional dividend of three per cent, were declared payable on after January 1, 1916.

GEORGE E. WARFIELD, Cashier

The Citizens' National Bank, Alexandria, Va. December 23, 1915.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of this Bank, held this day, the regular semi-annual dividend of 6 percent. was declared, payable on or after January 1st, 1916, to stockholders of record.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier